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The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch

The Kansas Child Care Licensing Dispatch newsletter is intended to serve as a resource for your child care business and provide resources that can be passed to the families you work with. The following topics can be found in this issue: **Car Seat Safety, Look Before You Lock, Poison Patrol, Kids and Cars: Back Over Facts, Emergency Preparedness and Inservices Training opportunities.**

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY IN VEHICLES

Whether you're the family driver, neighborhood carpool, or backup babysitter, whenever you're on the go everyone in your vehicle must buckle up. That means kids are in a car seat, booster seat or seat belt that's appropriate for their size, and you buckle up, too. Kids follow the leader, so be sure safety starts with you.

What is the Best Car Seat?

1. The seat that fits your child's age, size and developmental levels.
2. The seat that fits your vehicle.
3. The seat that you will use correctly each time.



For more information on child passenger safety, click on the links below:

[Car Seat Safety](#)

[Basic Car Seat Safety Checklist](#)

[Booster Seat Safety](#)

[Seatbelt Safety](#)

Still have questions about correctly installing your child's car seat?

Find a car seat inspection station near you: www.kansascarseatcheck.org or a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician at <http://cert.safekids.org>.

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Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock

Pledge to Prevent Child Heatstroke in Cars

Heatstroke is the number one killer of children, outside of car crashes. That's why the Administration for Children and Families has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to attempt to reduce these deaths by reminding parents and caregivers about the dangers of heatstroke and leaving children in hot cars.

Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash-related fatalities for children 14 and younger.

- From 1998-2013, 606 children died due to heatstroke, representing 61% of total non-crash fatalities in this age group. Of the 606 deaths:
 - 52% were forgotten in the vehicle
 - 29% gained access by themselves and became trapped
 - 18% were left intentionally
 - 1% were unknown cases
- In 2014, 29 children died of heatstroke in the U.S.
- Average annual number of child heatstroke fatalities since 1998: 38
- Children are at a higher risk than adults of dying from heatstroke in a hot vehicle especially when they are too young to communicate.
- Children overheat up to five times faster than adults.

For additional resources visit:
[Administration for Children & Families](#)



Always
remember
to look
twice before
you lock
your vehicle.

Even when it's
not sunny.

where's
baby?
Look before you lock.



Did you know that children under the age of six are the most frequent victims of poisoning? Approximately 50 percent of the calls to poison centers involve children of this age and nearly 90 percent of the exposures occur at a home. The good news is that most poisonings can be prevented, but we need your help!

The Poison Control Center at The University of Kansas Health System has developed the *Hunter & Scout's Poison Patrol Program*. The program makes it easy and fun to teach this important topic of poison prevention to your students. The program includes a video and classroom activities as well as educational materials for parents/caregivers – because getting parents and other caregivers involved is critical in poison prevention!

To learn more and request your **FREE** program materials please visit our website and complete the online request form: <http://kansashealthsystem.com/poisonpatrol>

We are very excited about this program, and we hope that you will join us in helping to protect children and families from the threat of unintentional poisonings. Together, we can make a difference.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the education coordinator at 913-588-0152 or poisoncenter@kumc.edu.

Please take a moment to program the poison helpline # into your phone, 1-800-222-1222.

Backover Fact Sheet

In the U.S., 50 children are backed over **EVERY WEEK** because a driver could not see them.

Rearview cameras can be installed on **any** vehicle to end these predictable tragedies.

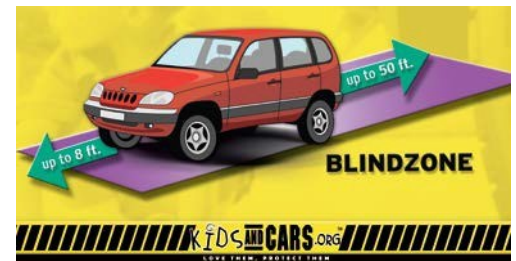
Blindzones... every vehicle has them

A blindzone is the area behind a vehicle where the driver cannot see even when looking back and using their rear and side view mirrors correctly. (Blindzones are also in front of cars but are not as large)

- Average blindzone = 15 to 25 feet
- Shorter drivers = larger blindzones
- Over 60% of backovers involve a larger vehicle (truck, van, SUV)

Circumstances

- Backovers take place mainly in driveways and parking lots.
- In over 70% of these incidents, a parent or close relative is the driver behind the wheel.
- Bye-Bye Syndrome™: Children don't want to be left behind when they hear the words 'bye-bye.' Many times children follow behind the person who is leaving. The driver is unaware the child snuck out, thinking they are still safe inside. The child stands behind the vehicle where they cannot be seen and is backed over.



Contributing Factors

You cannot avoid hitting something you literally cannot see.

- Most drivers are unaware of the very large, dangerous blindzone that is found behind ALL vehicles.
- Children do not understand the danger of a slow moving vehicle; they believe if they see the vehicle, the driver can see them.
- Children do not recognize boundaries (property lines, sidewalks, driveways or parking spaces) and are very impulsive.

Age

- The predominant age of backover victims is **one-year-old**. (12-23 months). Toddlers have just started walking/running at this age, testing the limits and trying new things.
- Children younger than 5-years-old are at the most risk, but children of all ages can be backed over.



Statistics

On average 232 fatalities and 13,000 injuries occur every year due to backovers.*

Thousands of children are seriously injured or killed every year because a driver backing up was not able to see them behind their vehicle. Many elderly people are also backed over by vehicles.

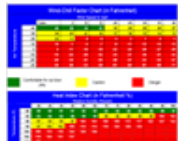
Rear Visibility Standard:

To reduce the risk of devastating backover crashes involving vulnerable populations (especially very young children), KidsAndCars.org and their partners, worked to prevent these predictable and preventable tragedies for over one-decade. A rear visibility standard was issued on April 7, 2014 as mandated by the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act

Helpful Links

Weather Chart

Click the link to view



GoNoodle is a great way to give kids a quick burst of physical activity on those days the weather does not permit going outside.

GoNoodle is a **free** resource that is interactive.

Advice on children's health and parenting and educational activities for kids.



Fred the Preparedness Dog
www.fredthepreparednessdog.org
 Provider Emergency Preparedness Tools as well as fun games for kids.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



CREATE AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT

What should be in your kit...

- First-aid supplies & contact information/authorization for emergency medical care for every child.
- Water, nonperishable food including formula & baby food for infants, disposable cups, bowls, plates, and utensils.
- Nose and mouth protection masks, plastic sheeting, duct tape, utility knife, diapering & hand washing supplies.
- Flashlights with extra batteries, whistle, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, trash bags & re-sealable bags.
- Check out www.ready.gov/kit for additional information.

FIRES

- Conduct drills monthly and smoke detectors must be tested monthly (Kansas Requirement)
- Invite a local first responder to talk with children.
- Send home a fire escape plan for families to complete.
- Check out www.kdheks.gov and firemarshal.ks.gov/facility-information/ for additional information.

SEVERE WEATHER

- Sign up for weather alerts (online/mobile apps) and prepare a safe room (www.weather.gov)
- Practice tornado drills monthly during April-September (Kansas requirement)
- Read weather related books with children and send home weather tip sheets or coloring pages that support the book's message.

POISONING

- Store all products out of sight and reach of children in locked cabinets that children cannot open.
- Store (in your cell phone) and post the number for Poison Control (800) 222-1222.
- Conduct a facility walk-through and remove all possible poisons that are accessible to children.

UTILITY OUTAGES

- Post shut-off information and utility contacts in a location that are accessible to you and other staff.
- Use a landline telephone that does not use electricity & have a cell phone charger for your vehicle.
- Have surge protectors and check batteries in flashlights.
- Check out www.kansasenergy.org/electricity.htm for additional information.

ILLNESS OUTBREAKS

- Know which illnesses require children to be excluded from child care (www.kdheks.gov)
- Create a plan for how parents/guardians will be notified and communicate the plan with them.
- Contact your local health department for more information.

FOOD SAFETY

- Keep meat, poultry, fish and eggs refrigerated at or below 40 F and frozen food at or below 0 F
- Adhere to food recalls, check expiration dates and dispose of expired products.
- Know children's food allergies and be aware of choking hazards.
- Check out agriculture.ks.gov/faqs/food-safety-faq for additional information.

ACTIVE SHOOTER/INTRUDER

- Practice lockdown procedures and evacuation routes.
- Create a trusting environment where families or staff can report potential conflicts that could escalate or abnormal behavior.
- Send a note home with parents outlining your safety plan.



Kansas Train offers KDHE approved web-based self study trainings for in-service hours. Check out the following courses:

- Let's Move! Child Care (CENTERS): Promoting Physical Activity in Early Childhood Education (1063970)
- Let's Move! Child Care (HOMES): Promoting Physical Activity in Early Childhood Education (1064944)

<https://ks.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

Contact your local Resource & Referral Agency to find additional training in your area.

**Child Care Aware of Kansas has several Safety Fliers for Providers and Families.
Check the following links:**

Intruder Awareness

<http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Intruder-Awareness-and-Program-Safety-Flyer.pdf>

Safe Sleep 101

<http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Safe-Sleep.pdf>



2017 Amended Regulations—[Go to http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/index.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/index.html)

Licensed Day Care Home, Group Day Care Home, Child Care Center and Preschool amended regulations went into effect on May, 12, 2017.

School Age Program amended regulations went into effect on June 23, 2017.

Renew online – it is fast and secure. [Go to www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet](http://www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet).

If you are not currently registered and need your KDHE Person or Organization ID, please contact Child Care Licensing at 785-296-1270.

PLEASE NOTE: If your facility is owned by a corporation, LLC, LLP, government entity agency or school district, please contact your organization's business office for instructions.

Apply to become a New Child Care Facility – *PLEASE NOTE:* You must attend an orientation with the licensed surveyor in your area PRIOR to applying to become a New Child Care Facility.

[Click here to locate a licensing surveyor in your area](#)



**Who Do You Contact or
Where Do You Look?**

[Health Department Surveyor Food Program](#)

Department for Children and Families

[Child Care Subsidy](#)

[Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

Kansas Health and Environment – [Child Care Licensing](#)



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